

In comparison the Draper unit has a better location than the Leaksville Branch. It is nearer the center of pedestrian activity and has much better access to the central business area. Parking spaces are available in the municipal lot on High Street in addition to regular curb spaces on Fieldcrest Road and Mill Avenue.

The wide geographical area that must be served by the two branch libraries in the Tri-City area is another important factor influencing the selection of library sites. While a headquarters library that serves as a processing center, a repository for the county collections, and the home of the bookmobile could be conveniently located in the Central Area, it would be undesirable to have a branch library located there until the population of the area has increased significantly. In this instance, although the Central Area is the geographical center of the Tri-Cities, it is not the population center nor the center of activity. Furthermore, any branch buildings financed by the municipalities will have to be located inside the corporate limits of Leaksville, Draper, or Spray. If the Central Library continues to be linked to one of its semi-autonomous branches the headquarters will have to remain in a municipality.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is recommended that the combined Central Library-Leaksville Branch be improved either by acquiring adjoining property and enlarging the existing facilities or by construction of a new library in a more advantageous location. A new library building could be appropriately located in the proposed government center.
- It is recommended that Spray increase its support of this important community cultural, recreational, and educational institution.